

SEPTEMBER 2024

# The Benefice Magazine for the Parishes of St Peter & St Paul, St Peter and St Luke



*St Peter and St Paul's,  
Wem*



*St Peter's,  
Lee Brockhurst*



*St Luke's,  
Weston-under-Redcastle*

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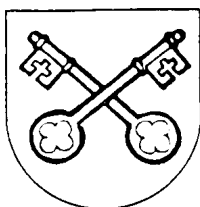
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<u>SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN SEPTEMBER</u>					
DAY	DATE	SEASON	WEM	WESTON	LEE
SUNDAY	1st	TRINITY 14	08:00 HE 09:45 HE	09:30 HE	11:15 HE
THURSDAY	5th		09:30 HE		
SUNDAY	8th	TRINITY 15	08:00 HE 09:45 HE	09:30 HE	11:15 HE
THURSDAY	12th		09:30 HE		
SUNDAY	15th	TRINITY 16	08:00 HE 09:45 HE	09:30 MP	11:15 HE
THURSDAY	19th		09:30 HE		
SUNDAY	22nd	TRINITY 17	08:00 HE 09:45 HE 18:00 P&P	11:00 HE	11:15 MP
THURSDAY	26th		09:30 HE		
SUNDAY	29th	TRINITY 18 ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS	At LEE	At LEE	10:00 Benefice Service
HE—Holy Eucharist    MP—Morning Prayer    P&P—Praise & Prayer					

*The Season*



*Of Trinity*





## Notes from the Editor

### September

“It’s a long, long time from July to September” as the popular song goes, slightly amended by me, and it feels a long time since I last wrote an editorial. So here is your September magazine.

The summer, what summer you ask? has seen the three churches busy fundraising. Firstly the Strawberry Tea at Lee Village Hall on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July, (see the write-up elsewhere in the magazine). On the same day Wem church were serving refreshments in their church hall for the Sweet Pea Show and finally the Weston Show was held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August, once again a great success (more details later in the magazine).

We now look forward to our Harvest Festivals: this year the first will be at St Peter’s, Lee Brockhurst and because it falls on the fifth Sunday of the month of September it will be a Benefice Service and Lee will be delighted to welcome members from Wem and Weston to celebrate the harvest with them.

We will return to monthly issues of our magazine until Christmas but we still have no date for providing a paper copy so it is electronic for the foreseeable future.

Best wishes from the Editorial Team.

Phoebe

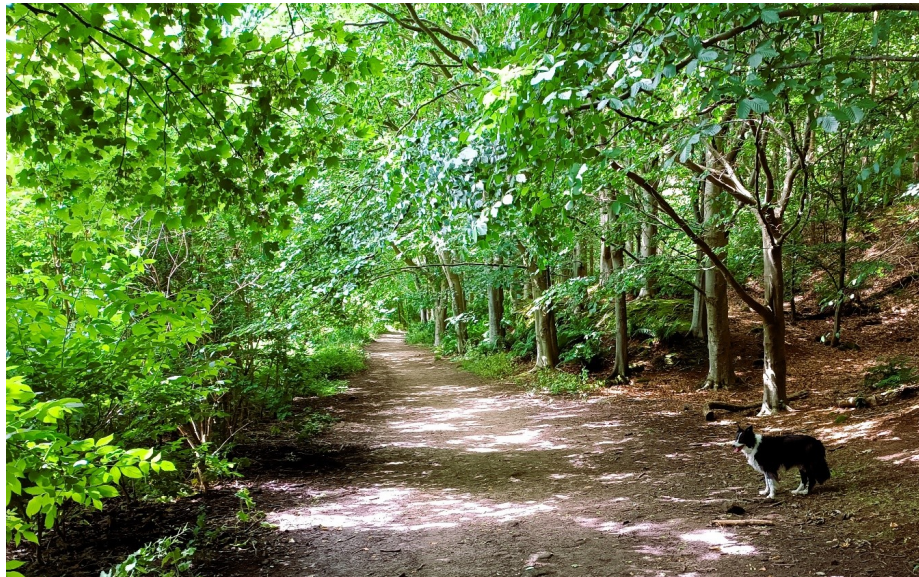
## **Rector's Ramblings**

As I sit down to write this Bea, my Border Collie, comes and lies on her bed under my desk. Whenever I am in my study, this is her preferred position.

Bea, or to give her full name “Princess Beatrice” is now thirteen years and six months old. We have had her since she was six weeks and she is an integral part of our family. For all her life either I, or Denise, have taken her out every day. Whatever the weather Bea is always keen to have a look, or sniff, round the neighbourhood. It is also beneficial to us humans to get out of the built environment and into nature.

For Bea and myself our day starts before most people are out and about. Early mornings with the birds singing in the trees help to get the day off to a good start.

Afternoons, perhaps at Grinshill, bring us face to face with the glory of God’s creation.



Bea walking at Grinshill in July 2024

I wonder what the people we see think about us and am reminded of a poem from the book *A Little Book of Doggerel* written by Gail Halley and illustrated by Sue McLeod. It is called Two Old Gents.

*Two old gents walk stiff and slow  
As if their joints need oiling  
They make their way along the path,  
Less like leisure, more like toiling.*

*They walk together side by side,  
Two old friends who've shared long years,  
The two legged one had tended sheep,  
The four-legged one his eyes and ears.*

*I watch them nearly every day  
With warmth, affection, but some sorrow  
For though I've seen them pass today,  
Will they come again tomorrow?*



It has long been known that pets are beneficial to our mental health. If you are lucky enough to have had a dog as a pet you will know what I mean. Science tells us that stroking a dog, or a cat, helps release endorphins that make us both feel better. More than that, their unwavering loyalty and affection is a life example to us all.

Yours in Christ,

Reverend John.

## Canon William Continues With Insights Into Ministry In The 1870's

### KILVERT IN SEPTEMBER



The Revd Francis Kilvert was a clergyman in the Wye Valley in Radnorshire and Herefordshire in the 1870s. His Diary gives us glimpses into ordinary life in his parishes, and I've selected some extracts from September in different years.

#### *Wednesday 21 September 1870*

Went to the Bronith. People at work in the orchard gathering up the windfall apples for early cider. The smell of the apples very strong. Beyond the orchards the lone aspen was rustling loud and mournfully a lament for the departure of summer. Called on the old soldier. He was with his wife in the garden digging and gathering red potatoes which turned up very large and sound, no disease, and no second growth, an unusual thing this year. The great round red potatoes lay thick fresh and clean on the dark newly turned mould. I sat down on the stones by the spring and the old soldier came and sat down on the stones by me while his wife went on picking up the red potatoes. We talked about the war and the loss of the *Captain*. Mary Morgan brought me some apples, Sam's Crab's and Quinin's. The spring trickled and tinkled behind us and a boy from the keeper's cottage came to draw water in a blue and white jug.

It was very quiet and peaceful in the old soldier's garden as we sat by the spring while the sun grew low and gilded the apples in the trees which he had planted, and the keeper's wife moved about in the garden below, and we heard the distant shots at partridges. I dug up the half row of potatoes for him which he had left unfinished.

[‘The war’ was the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. There was great support in Britain for Prussia. Memories of Napoleon still made people hostile to France. The ‘Captain’ was a ship which sank with much loss of life off Cape Finisterre.]

***Monday 25 September 1871***

***[Decorating Clyro Church for the Harvest Festival]***

The work was divided as follows. Cooper brought down his ferns and arranged them in the Chancel. The Crichtons did the East window, the Hodgsons the desk and pulpit. Mrs



St Michael's, Clyro

Venables and Mrs Hilton the texts, white cardboard letters on red flannel stretched on wooden frames. Mrs Hilton two banners, green baize with white raised tapioca crosses, hanging on each side of the E window. Mrs Hilton the two chancel windows. Mrs Morrell and Miss Prothen the windows in the nave. Mrs Partridge the Font, the Baskervilles the altar rails. Gibbons [*the Vicarage maid*] the altar sheaf. Fanny and Dora [*Kilvert's sisters*] the pillars and capitals. The schoolmaster the porch.

The Cabalva ladies, Mrs Hodgson and her two sisters, came and put up their magnificent pulpit and desk hangings, violet flannel covered with beautifully worked designs in corn, a sickle and sheaf, IHS, Faith, Hope and Charity represented by an anchor, a cross, and a heart respectively. Bunches of purple grapes were mixed with the corn. A deep fringe of oats, flax and rye was looped up with bright rosy apples.

[*Harvest Festival services were quite a recent innovation in 1871, and very popular. The Clyro Harvest Festival was held on the morning of Tuesday 26 September. Kilvert noted that the collection was £10 16s 1d – ‘the best we have ever had in this church’.*]

*Wednesday 24 September 1873*



*[Kilvert is in Wiltshire]*

As I walked before breakfast across the Common between the 'Lady's Gates' I met Herriman the porter returning through the lovely morning from his night work at the station, and I could not help thinking of the difference between my lot and his, and how much more enjoyment I have in my life than he has in his. How differently we both spent last night, but how much better he spent it than I did. He was doing extra night duty that a fellow porter might enjoy a holiday, while I...

Herriman has only three days' holiday during the whole year, while to me every day is a holiday and enjoyment and delight. And for no desert of mine, surely there will be compensation made for these things hereafter if not here.

*[A sober reflection]*

William Price.



## *Notes from The Diocese for September*



# Foundations of Faith

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## *Could you be a school governor?*

In the Diocese of Lichfield, we have 206 Church of England schools. These are made up of primary and secondary schools and in some areas, we have first and middle Schools.

Approximately half of the schools are in academy trusts and half are still local authority schools. All local authority schools and most academy schools need individuals who will act as local governors. Could you help us by becoming a local governor in a school or an academy? Those people who are appointed to represent the interests of the Church of England are known as foundation governors, because they are there to ensure the Christian foundation of the school is upheld.

## *What do governors do?*

Governors take strategic decisions about the school and oversee that its statutory duties are met. They support the leadership team of the school but also hold them to account. Governors need to ask difficult questions, ask leaders to explain certain situations and decisions and to scrutinise a range of information from different sources to ensure what they are being told is accurate. There are plenty of resources, training and support available to help governors fulfil their role.

You will be expected to sometimes visit school, so that you are

aware what is happening in classrooms and to talk to a range of different people.

Governors are not there for the day to day running of the school. That is the role of the headteacher. Sometimes, governors may be called upon to sit on committees around complaints or pupil suspension and exclusion panels or staff disciplinary panels.

## *Who can be a local governor?*

You need to be over the age of 18 and have a skill set that would support the group. Skills in finance, education, HR, law and local community to name a few are all helpful.

You do not need to have a background in education. Whilst it is always useful to have someone who does understand education it is also helpful to have a variety of backgrounds so that the group has skills from a wide range of areas.

You do not have to be a member of the Church of England to be a Foundation Governor for a Church of England school. Although the first preference may be someone from the Parish Church, we are grateful for the support of those who may be outside the parish and from other Christian denominations. If you are interested in becoming a Foundation Governor, please get in touch with us at:

[education@lichfield.anglican.org](mailto:education@lichfield.anglican.org)



*Mark Davis has completed his first year as Lichfield Diocese's Director of Education. Before that he's taught in primary schools, provided support and training to schools on health and PSHE and spent ten years as a headteacher.*



## COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS — SEPTEMBER

from ROGER ASHTON

### Horticulture:

The growing of plants based on fruit and vegetables and flowers

Apparently 90% of the UK landmass is still rural. If you think about the huge urban sprawl over the last half century that takes some believing! Of that 90% Horticulture takes 2% and the latest goal is to double that to 4%. Again they are amazingly low figures. Of course horticultural production is not only in open fields, there are glasshouses, polytunnels and tower buildings housing stacked vertical plantings all of which use a hydroponic feeding system to provide water and nutrients. This intensive horticulture takes up a relatively small acreage so like agriculture there is a wide spectrum from intensive to a more natural organic product.

Growing more UK fruit and veg is essential for the nation's health and food security. Our diets and eating habits are costing the NHS billions every year and the countries we import from can



bring in an inferior quality. The food chains target of adding financial value to base foods by processing has led to a diet that is out of balance with our gut; too much salt, sugar and fat. These foods are very tasty and retail at low prices so the consumer goes for them. Family's that are poverty stricken you would think would look undernourished but actually a lot are obese! Somehow we have to re educate our population.

Growing your own if you have access to a garden or a local allotment is possible on a small scale and even window boxes and pots on a patio. This brings with it full control on how you grow plants. Retail box schemes like Able and Cole and Riverford do giving you fully traceable organic products and Farm Shops can provide traceable fresh fruit and veg in season. And in the summer you can go to the 'Pick Your Own' fields, an outing that a whole family can enjoy together and come closer to where food is actually grown, so different to the Supermarket shelves.



Shropshire Lavender Farm, Picklescott.  
The crop is processed to Lavender Oil.



## Ladybirds: Tiny Heroes in Polka-Dot Armour

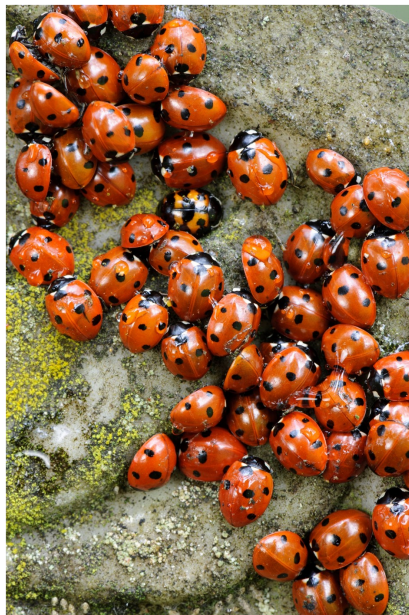
The ladybird, with its stylish and cheerful polka dot outfit, holds a special place in our hearts. Few other insects, apart from perhaps the butterfly, evoke as many positive emotions and superstitions as the ladybird. Many cultures believe that ladybirds are a symbol of good luck and new beginnings. In fact, the belief that ladybirds are associated with positive qualities is nearly universal – from Slavic, European, and Asian cultures to Native Americans.

There are 46 different species of ladybirds in the UK and about 5,000 species worldwide. While some sport the classic red with black spots look, others come in shades of yellow, orange, or even black with red spots. All ladybirds are beetles and have a larval and adult form with the classic round and colourful ladybird being the adult whilst the larvae tend to be thin and black.

Many species of ladybird hatch from pupae in August or September so look out for a new generation of adults feeding up ready to overwinter. Ladybirds are voracious predators of aphids and other garden pests, serving as natural pest-control agents and helping to keep plants healthy. In fact, a single ladybird can devour up to 5,000 aphids and other plant-eating pests in its lifetime, making them invaluable allies to gardeners and farmers alike.

Despite their diminutive size, ladybirds are not without their challenges. Predators, parasites, and even rival ladybirds pose threats to their survival. Birds, spiders, and other insects prey on them. They do have defences against predators however, their bright red colour is a warning that they don't taste nice and when attacked they give off a yellow liquid which is rich in toxic alkaloids.

Churchyards and cemeteries can be great for ladybirds as they tend to be free of insecticides and full of food. There are lots of places where ladybirds can find a safe place to spend the winter, often in large clusters where they remain inactive until about March when they emerge to feed and breed. Monuments including chest tombs, gaps made by tree roots, wood piles, spaces beneath flaking bark, leaf litter, tussocky grass and drystone walls are full of potential places to overwinter.



With their rounded bodies and distinctive markings, ladybirds are easily recognisable. If you see a ladybird, take a photo, count its spots and make a note of both spot and background colours. The spot number indicates which species it is, not as some people believe, how old it is. Please let us know what you find in your local churchyard or cemetery and enjoy hunting for these iconic creatures.

All the best, Harriet

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### CHILDRENS' QUESTIONS TO GOD

Dear God,  
How come you didn't invent any  
new animals lately?  
We still have just the old ones.  
Jonny

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Dear God,  
Please put another Holiday between Christmas and Easter.  
There is nothing good in there now.  
Ginny

*An extra day off school, Ginny ?????*



### ***A Blast from the Past—Phoebe Ashton reminisces...***

#### ***My time in the NHS—episode 3***

In this episode, unlike the previous two, I am going to talk about specific medical techniques which in my day were in their infancy and which now-a-days are considered to be everyday occurrences.

For whatever reason I found myself on a number of occasions asked to change my shift or even go to another ward or department to “special” a patient. The



*London Hospital student nurse's uniform.  
Design drawing by Norman Hartnell, 1942*

first one that I remember was undergoing renal dialysis which, as you know, many people manage on their own and in their own homes. This patient was in a bed on scales, she had a large stainless steel container full of fluid beside her and large coils of plastic piping in the container which were taking her blood into the solution to remove the waste products, usually excreted by the kidneys, and then returning her blood to her body. I was to carry out observations of her pulse and blood pressure to ensure that her body was kept stable during this experimental process. I never heard about another person undergoing this technique but over the years better methods have been developed and they are able to help many more people to live more normal lives.

On two other occasions I was asked to “special” patients on ventilators. Today many people are kept alive with the use of these machines and they have become very sophisticated. Not only that but these patients are looked after in Intensive Care Units. Not so in my day. The first patient I cared for was being looked after in the Recovery Ward, an area of the theatre complex with space for about 4 people. The second patient was actually being looked after in the middle of a Nightingale ward with just some plastic screens round his bed. They both made a good recovery but mainly I believe because of the very careful nursing care they received, not only from me I might add.

Another area of the hospital that has changed out of all recognition is the Accident and Emergency Department. In the early 1960's at my hospital we had an area called The Receiving Room. This was manned, at least at night, by a Houseman who slept in a little room at the end of the department and one nurse whom we had to relieve so that she could go to meal breaks. On the few occasions I

was asked to do this I lived in fear and dread that I would have someone come in who needed emergency care as I had no experience in this speciality at all. At the weekend we used to have patients who came in with dental problems to avoid attending the dentist.

Finally I remember a patient who had had the misfortune of collapsing in the Outpatients Department. This was at the time when external cardiac massage was being attempted for resuscitation. Outpatients of course had a large number of doctors



***'The Old and the New'  
London Hospital***

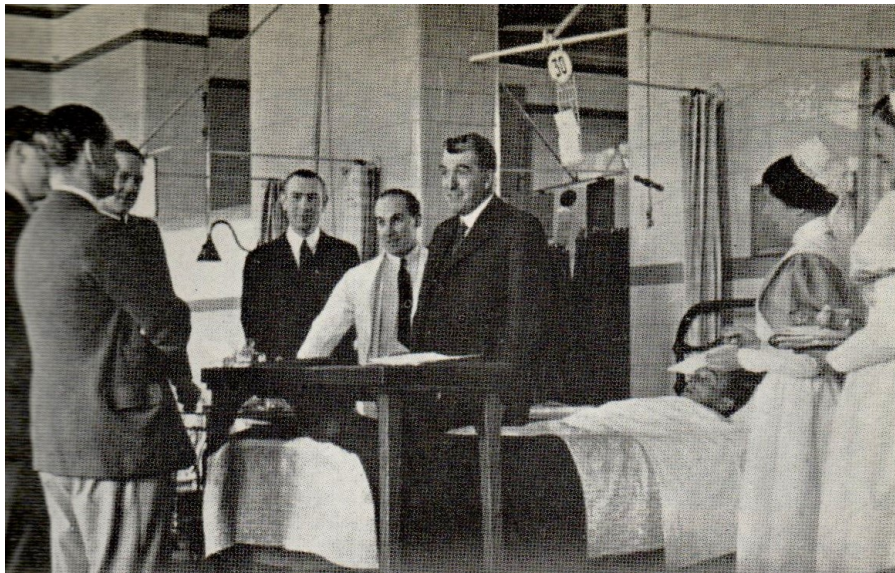


available and this gentleman was successfully resuscitated and brought up to my ward to be cared for. Unfortunately, one of the still common problems with vigorous cardiac massage is the damage of internal organs or the breaking of ribs. This had happened to the gentleman in question and sadly he died the next day.

Many other operations and techniques that we consider to be common these days all had to be

researched and go through trial and error to become perfected. Such as the treatment for a heart attack, our treatment in the 60's was bed rest for 5 weeks. Now surgery and bypasses and stents are used with much better results. Hip replacements are an everyday operation but only 12 years after the NHS came into being they were only just being undertaken on a regular basis and instead of the very quick mobilisation we expect today people were kept in bed for about 2 weeks and then transferred to a special orthopaedic convalescent home where regular physiotherapy would be undertaken.

I have tried in this series of articles to show how great the advances have been over the past 60 plus years and why the health service has come under such pressure with so many more operations and procedures can be undertaken in an organisation which is now a victim of it's own success.



***'Doing the Rounds'***



Abbé Michel Quoist uses a Bald Head as he writes:

*'We have been in God's thought for all eternity, and in his creative love his attention never leaves us. We must see in those around us God's idea of them, and respect it. We must be attentive to them even as God is attentive to us.'*

***From the scriptures:***

In Christ everything in heaven and on earth was created, not only things visible but also invisible . . . the whole universe has been

created through him and for him. And he exists before everything, and all things are held together in him.

*Colossians 1:16-17*

But not a hair on your head shall be lost.

*Luke 21:18*

Are not sparrows five for twopence? And yet not one of them is overlooked by God. More than that, even the hairs on your head have all been counted. Have no fear; you are worth more than any number of sparrows. *Luke 12:6-7*

For an hour it was before my eyes,  
during the whole lecture.  
That was a fine dome, Lord,  
Polished, shining, girdled with a horseshoe of hair carefully arranged  
and sternly held to the pattern prescribed.  
The lecture bored me;  
I had time to think,  
and I thought, Lord, that you knew this dome well.  
It hasn't been out of your sight for years, and every day you say  
yes, when old mother nature asks permission to take a few  
more hairs from the rapidly clearing field.  
You said it in your Gospel; "Not a hair on your head falls  
without my permission."  
It is true, Lord, that you are always thinking of us.  
It's true, from the beginning of time, before we existed.

Even before the world existed, you have been dreaming of me,  
Thinking of me, loving me.  
And it's true that your Love created me, not on an assembly line,  
but unique, the first one so made, and the last,  
indispensable to humanity.  
It's true, Lord, that you have conceived for my life a unique destiny.  
It's true that you have an eternal plan for me alone,  
A wonderful plan that you have always cherished in your heart,  
as a father thinks over the smallest details in the life of his  
little one still unborn.  
It's true that, always bending over me, you guide me to bring  
it about, light on my path, and strength for my soul.  
It's true that you are saddened when I stray or run away, but  
that you hasten to pick me up if I stumble or fall.

Lord, you who make bald heads, but above all beautiful lives,  
You, the divine Attentive One,  
the divine Patient One,  
the divine Present One,  
See that at no time I forget your presence.  
I don't ask you to bless what I myself have decided to do, but give  
me the grace to discover and to live what you have dreamed for me.  
Lord, living in your grace, let me share a little, through the attention  
I give to others, your loving care for us.  
Let me, on my knees, adore in them the mystery of your creative love.  
Let me respect your idea of them without trying to impose my own.  
May I allow them to follow the path that you have marked out for  
them, without trying to take them along mine.  
May I realize that they are indispensable to the world, and that I can't  
do without the least among them.  
Help me to praise you in their journeying, to find you in their lives.  
And that not an instant of their existence should go by,  
not a hair on their heads fall,  
by me as by you, unheeded.

*from 'Prayers of Life' by Michel Quoist* ISBN 0-7171-0158-4



## **RIDE and STRIDE 2024**

**14 Sept 2024**

*(or another day if you can't do the 14<sup>th</sup>).*



**Ride and Stride is a chance for YOU  
to raise money for your Church.**

Anyone can join in - collect sponsors, then plan your own route - walk, bike, or car - visit some churches - enjoy the day.

**The sponsorship money is split 50/50 between your local Church and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT),**

which uses all its share to award grants for church & chapel repairs and improvements, so 100% goes to our Churches.

This is definitely a 'Good Thing'.

R+S is **NOT** an event where church visits are centrally organised. The Trust does **not** have a 'central team' that plans any walking, cycling, or car rides.

**NO ... It's something that Churches do for themselves.**

'Ride+Stride' is a National event by the NCT and we, the SHCT, are pleased to support it. The basic ideas of 'Ride+Stride' are twofold:

- (1) Churches try to be open for visitors on Saturday 14 Sept from about 10 to 6, ideally with light refreshments (biscuits. squash; cake maybe). 85% of our Anglican churches were open last year, plus other denominations.
- (2) Anyone can visit some churches on foot, by bike, or by car. You get sponsored to do a Walk, Ride, or Drive - using our Sponsorship Form.

**The next 'R+S Day' is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

**But if you can't manage that date then you can go out on sponsored travels on any other day**

- which is what a lot of people do. It is vital to maintain or increase the visiting aspect otherwise the event will cease like it has in Cheshire & Herefordshire.

It doesn't matter if 'your' church is open or closed. You can still go and visit other churches, even if your own church has to be closed (builders, etc).

September may seem like a long way away, but time flies. You can get a Sponsorship Form from our website [www.shropshirehct.org.uk](http://www.shropshirehct.org.uk)  
Or contact me and I will get one to you.

The county raised £37,082 last year - a new record. So we, the Trust, are encouraging it to continue - even in parts of the county where it has fallen off the radar and, at present, there are few visitors to the open churches.

This event has much more potential. For example... Dorset raised £98,000 in 2023. This is 260% more than us, and it has a similar population to Shropshire. Well, actually 30% more, but raising so much for their churches is amazing. Maybe I'm not 'doing it right'!

**PLEASE HAVE A GO THIS YEAR.**

**Help keep our Churches & Chapels looking beautiful;  
and open for the future.**

**David Hardham**

(Trustee - and County Organiser for Ride+Stride)

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## *The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Wem*

### **FROM WEM PCC**

If you've attended a 9.45 service since the beginning of August you cannot have failed to notice that coffee is being served at the back of the church instead of in the church hall. This is because the long-anticipated refurbishment of the hall kitchen is now in full swing. The old units have all been stripped out so that a damp proof course can be installed and the lower part of the walls re-plastered. New flooring, plumbing and wiring are next, followed by stainless steel units and appliances. We shall soon have a more convenient, hygienic and adaptable kitchen both for our own use and that of community groups and others who may wish to book the hall. There will also be new storage for the Sweet P's toddler group ready for when they reconvene in September. Hopefully we can then offer a better service to our community as well as turning the hall into an asset for ourselves.

Next on the list is updating of the sound system in the church, which will go ahead in the next month or so. We should all be able to hear better - and no more unwelcome interruptions of interference in our services! We are so grateful for the legacies received recently which have enabled us to go ahead with these improvements.

St Peter's School end-of-term service took place as usual, with every Year 6 leaver being presented with a Gospel as a gift from the Church to take into the next stage of their education. We wish them all well. We have also given the school two illustrated Children's Bibles for use in Assemblies. Reverend John will be visiting the school regularly over the next school year, and each year group will come into the church as part of their Religious Studies curriculum.

The PCC will be meeting again in September.



## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH



Sunday September 22nd  
at 6 pm in the Church  
*Please come along for a quiet  
time together*

### SONGS OF PRAISE for HARVEST

at 5 pm  
on  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
St Peter and St Paul's  
Church, Wem

If you would like your favourite hymn  
included, please use a form at the  
back of the church and put the  
completed form into the shoe box  
by the 15<sup>th</sup> September



**SEPTEMBER**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**10:00 –12:00**

**IN ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S  
CHURCH HALL**

**SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER**

**Please join us for Coffee  
and a Chat**

**TOMBOLA Raffle**

**Bric à Brac**

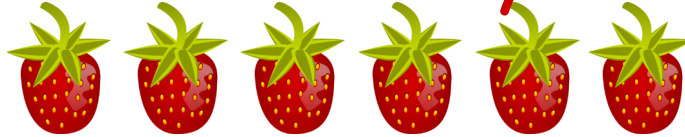
*Homemade Cakes  
Jams, Marmalades  
Chutneys*

**SS Peter  
& Paul's  
Church ,  
Wem**

**Growing  
in  
Faith,  
Hope  
and  
Love**

*The Parish Church of St Peter, Lee Brockhurst*

## The Strawberry Tea



The annual Strawberry Tea, due to be held in Brockhurst Farm garden, took place at the Village Hall in Lee Brockhurst because the weather forecast for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July was for rain and so the decision was taken on the Thursday to notify everyone of the change.

This year the attendance was somewhat down on previous years mainly due to a clash with the Wem Sweet Show and also more folk on holiday. A longstanding friend, Liz, who visited me on the Thursday helped set up the tables in advance, leaving less work to be done on the Saturday morning. Thank you Liz!

On Saturday morning Penny Naylor and a friend from Cheshire hulled all the 5 kilos of strawberries, many so large that they had to be cut in 2 or even 4 in some instances. Scones provided by Sue Wilton-Morgan, Margaret Marsh and myself (gluten free) were cut beforehand.



An hour before the guests were expected the main team gathered at the Village Hall to prepare the pots of jam, sugar and cream and put the strawberries into dishes and plate the scones for each table. With Robert Marsh on Car Parking duties,

Roger Ashton collecting money at the door, Val Lusby selling raffle tickets and Margaret Marsh on the Produce Stall we were all set for Georgina and Alexandra Lusby, Sue Wilton-Morgan and Miriam Wilson to serve at the tables, the guests trickled in and for the first time ever we were over staffed. Jackie Clarke and Irma Armishaw did valiant work washing up in the kitchen.

Despite the reduced numbers we raised £622.50 on the day and received a further £40.00 in donations later making a total of £662.50 in all. A very satisfactory amount, enough to pay the bills to the Diocese and the electricity company for a month many thanks to all those who helped, provided raffle prizes, all those who came and also to those who donated but did not attend. The Village Hall committee were very helpful in letting us set up in advance making the work on the day much easier.

We are considering the Strawberry Tea in the Village Hall on a regular basis as the weather is proving so fickle but perhaps holding a Coffee Morning at Brockhurst Farm instead. Opinions on this idea would be welcome.



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**Come and join us for Coffee and Chat  
at St Peter's Church,  
Lee Brockhurst  
On the following Wednesdays**

**18th September  
16<sup>th</sup> October 20<sup>th</sup> November  
and  
12<sup>th</sup> December (note earlier date)  
Between 10.30 and 12.00**

**No charge but donations towards church funds  
welcome!**

**Further information from Phoebe on  
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## **FUTURE EVENTS AT ST PETER'S LEE BROCKHURST**

As this magazine covers two months we need to think ahead to what is happening in September.

The major event for St Peter's will be our Harvest Festival on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. As it is the fifth Sunday of the month, will be a Benefice Service and we look forward to welcoming the congregations of the other two churches in the Benefice to share this celebration with us.

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September we hope to hold our Harvest Supper and Auction of Produce in Lee Brockhurst Village Hall. More details about this will be available in the September magazine.



*The Parish Church of St Luke,*

*Weston-under-Redcastle*

## WESTON NEWS



### **The Show—and what a Show it was!**

To quote from one of the many visitors comments -

*"The show far exceeded our expectations in every respect. The scale, scope and variety was amazing against the beautiful backdrop of the Hawkstone Hills. There was a feeling of a community coming together to provide a memorable experience"*

We are all happy with the way the show went. The weather was kind and the crowds came, well over 800 adults and nearly 400 children, a record. With some bills still to come in we are looking forward to dispensing donations to our village church and hall, together with the Lingen Davies Cancer care and the Movement centre at the Orthopaedic hospital in Oswestry.





This Show business  
sure takes it out of you



The Pinxton Puppets Show





**Hard at Work**

**A Little More OLYMPICS**



## OUR WESTON UNDER REDCASTLE VILLAGE SHOW

WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY  
NO SUNSHINE BUT NO RAIN  
JUST RIGHT!!!

WELL OVER 800 ADULTS THROUGH THE GATE  
VERY NEARLY 400 CHILDREN  
A RECORD

NO FINAL MONEY FIGURES YET  
WE HOPE TO REACH LAST YEARS £14,000  
(BUT OUR EXPENSES THIS YEAR ARE CONSIDERABLY MORE!!)

A BIG, BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED  
BEFORE THE DAY, ON THE DAY, AND AFTER THE DAY  
AND ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED GIFTS ETC, ETC.  
SO, SO MANY OF YOU GAVE YOUR TIME AND A GREAT  
DEAL OF ENERGY  
LOTS OF FUN, FRUSTRATION AND HOPEFULLY  
SATISFACTION AND CAMARADERIE

**A RIGHT GOOD VILLAGE DO!**



### THE SEASON OF TRINITY

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ  
who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the triune God  
be always with you.

Thank you very much  
to all our contributors.

The October Issue  
needs your input by the 15th of September,  
but definitely no later than 25th, please.

All articles e-mailed to Phoebe Ashton

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In Word, please, and any Pictures as jpeg's

**Please Note:**

**The October issue may be a little late.**

**Rob only returns from holiday on 26<sup>th</sup> of September**